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Grimsby sisters ride through the Highlands

Sisters Jewel, 18, and Katie Keca, 23, of Grimsby, Ont., took time for a few photos and questions for the *Times* at the Leslie M. Frost Centre on Tuesday, Aug. 1 on their way to Dorset. They are riding across Canada for charity. More on page 15./DARREN LUM Staff

Meeting on proposed quarry incites dialogue

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

Plans to expand an existing sand pit about six kilometres northeast of Dorset into an approximately 52-acre quarry brought more than 100 people to the Dorset Rec Centre last weekend for a public meeting held by representatives of John Bacher Construction Limited.

David Villard of Pebble Beach Aggregate

and Kathleen Hedley, a former director and policy advisor for the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change, mediated the information session on behalf of Eric Doetsch, co-owner of John Bacher Construction, who was also in attendance. Doetsch voluntarily held the meeting after an unanticipated number of public concerns were raised regarding the project's size, scope and impact on the surrounding environment and community.

Nine Harvey Lake property owners were the original recipients of a public notice distributed by consultants hired by Bacher Construction as directed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) earlier in the month informing them that the quarry development application had been made in the geographic township of McClintock in Algonquin Highlands. The notice is part of the aggregate permit process and gives a 30-day window, ending Aug. 8, for com-

ments on the project before documentation of attempts to resolve objections during the notification and consultation process is submitted for further review by the MNRF. The planned site of extraction is about 750 to 800 metres from the closest residence at the start of the project, but is about 300 metres from the nearest cottage as extraction progresses.

The public notice was shared with other area residents, including those on Kawagama see COMPANY page 12

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Appeals result in lowered assessment for ‘big box’ businesses

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

A series of province-wide appeals and settlements have decreased the assessed value of certain kinds of businesses within Ontario, and a settlement with one popular restaurant chain means that renovations at its buildings qualify as “re-branding,” and so don’t result in increased assessments.

During Minden Hills budget discussions earlier this year, it was mentioned that assessments on certain commercial properties were not increasing or, in at least one case, actually dropping substantially.

Since property taxes are based on the assessed value of properties, this means decreased revenue from certain commercial properties for the township.

Mark Lindquist, a manager of valuation and customer relations for the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), visited Minden Hills councillors during a July 26 meeting to explain the changes.

As Lindquist explained, due to some successful province-wide appeals, there have been value changes to some “big box” style businesses.

“Or, in the case of this municipality, lumber yards,” he said. “A lot of our review and the actions that occurred as part of the 2016 reassessment came out of some provincial appeals in the 2012 and, previously, 2008 valuations,” Lindquist said.

Some 300 properties were involved in those appeals and the result was a decision they would be valued based on cost to provide more consistency among properties. So, a building aging without substantial additions or renovations, for example, can actually result in a decreased assessment.

“On top of the decision to make sure that all of the properties are valued on the cost approach, it was felt as part of the settlement at the assessment review board, that we we’re providing enough of, basically, an obsolescence, of factors surrounding that kind of market and the wear and tear on buildings that occurs,” Lindquist said. “So, there was an additional obsolescence that applied to properties.”

So value reductions occurred for not just the 300 properties involved in the appeal, but other similar properties throughout the province.

In Minden, while the business wasn’t involved in the appeal, the assessed value of the Home Hardware property dropped by approximately \$1 million, between the 2012 and 2016 assessments by MPAC.

“So we were struggling to understand why that happened and also trying to compare some similar properties,” said Minden Hills treasurer and chief administrative officer Lorrie Blanchard. “So, it’s unlikely we will ever see that assessment

come back up again, unless they do a significant renovation to the property?”

“I would say that’s fairly correct,” Lindquist responded.

Lindquist also talked about “rebranding,” and the special agreement that applies solely to Tim Hortons restaurants.

“There are several of them, obviously around the province and there were a provincial appeal property, back in the 2005 and 2008, which really had to do with the rebranding and the renovations that occur on freestanding Tim Hortons properties,” he said. “The real end result of that provincial appeal was the creation of a depreciation table that is specific to all Tim Hortons properties in the province.”

“And what happens in the implementation of that depreciation table specific to those properties,” Lindquist continued, “is that it takes into account the fact they are rebranded, or renovated, at least once every decade.”

While an addition or physical change to the footprint of a Tim Hortons building would result in an assessment increase, renovations that are considered part of the chain’s “rebranding” activities do not.

“Can you give a couple of examples of what that actually means, in terms of rebranding?” asked Councillor Pam Sayne. “So, my question, I guess, is what’s rebranding and what’s an addition?”

Lindquist said that new facades, interior renovations, “maybe adding a nice fireplace and seating area, things like that, those are deemed to part of the rebranding and so no additional assessment can be added to those properties.”

“So, does that compare to other, small businesses?” Sayne asked. “Would they have additional taxes if they made those kinds of changes?”

“If another commercial property, let’s say it was to undergo a substantial renovation that increased or altered the quality and updated the effective age . . . then yes, there would be a supplementary issue for those renovations, and a value increase.”

That concept didn’t sit well with some members of council.

“We just had a substantial conversation about roads in our community,” Sayne said. “The box stores bring vehicular traffic, they put more on the municipality and the county to take care of roads and we get that money from taxes. And now, we’re lowering the taxes for the big box stores that are bringing in more vehicles, to increase our costs.”

Councillor Jean Neville found the depreciation table that applies solely to Tim Hortons to be unfair.

“Private properties, if you don’t increase your footprint, but you totally renovate, then they’re going to put your taxes up,” she said. “So, it really doesn’t seem quite fair when Tim Hortons is making money hand over fist and they aren’t privy to same tax increase. It just doesn’t seem right.”

Local woman wins \$50,000

Minden resident Susan Herd was the winner of Instant Crossword recently. She took the \$50,000 top prize on a ticket purchased at On the Spot Variety on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden.

Correction

The story “Controlling fall colours traffic” in the *Minden Times* July 27 read that Lake of Bays had passed a resolution requesting signage for problematic areas in that township. The resolution was in support of signage along Highway 35 near the Dorset tower. The MTO is looking into whether fall colours can be considered a special event.



Hilda’s Yard entertains at summer festival

Gary Fluck (Stephen Thayer) has a warm welcome for his girlfriend, Bobbi Jakes (Brittany Rae Robinson), to the amusement of his mother Hilda (Beth Kipping). The passionate greeting is part of a scene from the Norm Foster play, *Hilda’s Yard*, currently on stage in this season’s Highlands Summer Festival. The show continues until Aug. 11. For ticket call 705-457-9933 or order online at highlandsummerfestival.on.ca. Photo by Lorne Campbell. Submitted by Jack Brezina

Local man trademarks 'Haliburton'

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

A local man has successfully trademarked the word "Haliburton," and Haliburton County council isn't too pleased about it.

"It's our understanding that an individual has applied to the federal government to trademark the name 'Haliburton,'" county chief administrative officer Mike Rutter said during a July 26 council meeting.

It seems an error was made at the federal level, and the county would like to see that error corrected.

"It's in direct contradiction of the [copyright] act," said Minden Hills Reeve and County Warden Brent Devolin. "This isn't a grey area at all. This is black and white."

A guide to trademarks on the Government of Canada website states that, among words that cannot be trademarked, are "names and surnames" and "words that represent a geographical location commonly known to be the place of origin of such goods or services."

"You may not register a word that uses a geographical location known to be the place where the goods or services come from," the website reads. "Allowing you to use such place names as part of your trademark would mean you are the only one who can use the geographical term, and that would be unfair to others."

Rutter said the county has contacted MP Jamie Schmale regarding the situation.

"MP Schmale is working hard at this, as is his staff," Rutter told councillors.

"I share the concerns of Haliburton County council," Schmale told the paper. "This decision, in my opinion, is ridiculous and unfair to Haliburton."

Schmale said in his opinion, an error has been made, as names of geographical locations are not supposed to be open to trademark.

"I'm actually quite shocked the reviewing officer didn't do a simple Google search to see what Haliburton is," Schmale said, adding the individual clearly wasn't familiar with the area.

"I've written to the minister responsible," Schmale continued, explaining he'd asked for the approval to be reviewed and reversed.

The response the MP received basically indicated the only avenues available at this point are legal ones, and Schmale responded again asking the situation be reviewed.

"I'm hoping that the minister will take a step back," Schmale said, adding that it would be unfortunate if the county has to spend public money on legal proceedings over the issue.

Schmale has also filed a freedom of information request for the trademark application.

He said that in his nearly two years as MP and 11 years as executive assistant for his predecessor, he'd never seen anything like this happen in the riding.

The manager of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce confirmed to the paper that a couple of its member business owners had experiences with a man who approached them, indicating he owned the trademark to the word "Haliburton."

It is clear that legal proceedings may ensue.

"If we're going to sue somebody, we should sue the person in the government who made the mistake," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey.

"We will do whatever is required to enforce this," Devolin told the paper.

The trademark holder is Minden resident Michael Stinson.

Records on the Government of Canada website show that Stinson filed for the word mark trademark of "Haliburton" in October of 2015, with the trademark registered on Feb. 1,

2017.

"I know that through the government, you can apply for a trademark," Stinson told the paper, adding that anyone has the right to oppose a trademark application, but no one did. "I look at that as an opportunity to promote Haliburton outside of the county."

Devolin said the county did not oppose the application because no one was made aware that such an application had been made.

Stinson added he also had outdoor clothing in mind, that would use the Haliburton name.

"Sort of like Columbia, North Face, L.L. Bean," he said. "I looked at that as a business opportunity to do that."

"I was looking to promote Haliburton and assist local retailers," Stinson continued, adding he had been assisting retailers with distribution of souvenir items, and intended to donate money from the sale of items back to the community.

"I have a licensed business called 'The Haliburton Store' which has been registered for over a year," Stinson wrote in a subsequent email to the paper. "I have been selling various items with the Haliburton name and trademark on it all approved by the federal government."

"I followed the necessary steps to trademark the name Haliburton which took over 18 months and the County of Haliburton did not oppose this application. They had the opportunity to do so. I wanted to make this perfectly clear as I am passionate about the name of our county as my family immigrated here from Ireland in the 1800s and owned the Stinson Mills where the Orillia [Power Generation] dam is right now. I am the great grandson of S.F. Stinson, the owner. The main reason I trademarked the name was since the county appeared to have no interest in trademarking the name, then I could do it to keep it away from anyone else or company in Canada that might tarnish or put the name in a bad light."

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Additional ambulance during flood costs county about \$9K

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

An additional ambulance stationed near the Sunnybrook bridge in downtown Minden during flooding in May will cost Haliburton County about \$9,000.

The bridge was closed to traffic from May 7 to 18, when Minden Hills township was in a state of emergency due to the flood. During this time, ambulances were frequently stationed at each end of the bridge, in order to reduce delays in getting patients to the Minden hospital.

According to a report from paramedic chief Tim Waite, in order to accomplish this, an up-staffed ambulance was required from 11 p.m. to 11 a.m. each day during the closure.

"We were able to accomplish that with all part-time staff, so we didn't accrue any over-time," Waite told county councillors during a July 26 meeting.

In all, it required 360 staffing hours, and cost just more than \$18,400, half of which the county will be reimbursed for through its 50/50 ambulance funding agreement with the province.

During the period of the bridge closure, EMS received 137 calls from throughout the county.

"One call during the that time required us to use a boat to reach a patient," Waite said.

Minden Hills Reeve and County Warden Brent Devolin said he thought having ambulances stationed at the bridge provided a sense of security for residents.

Flooded property owners can apply for reassessment through MPAC

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Any residents whose properties were severely affected by flooding in May have an option to request their properties be re-evaluated by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

"Property owners . . . have the option to file a request for reconsideration with MPAC if there has been a change to their property that has affected their value," a communications specialist with MPAC wrote in an email to

the paper. "The deadline to file a request for reconsideration for the 2017 property tax year has passed, however, owners may file a request for the 2018 property tax year by March 31, 2018."

MPAC has not received any such requests from Minden Hills residents regarding the 2017 flood, nor did the corporation receive any after severe flooding in 2013.

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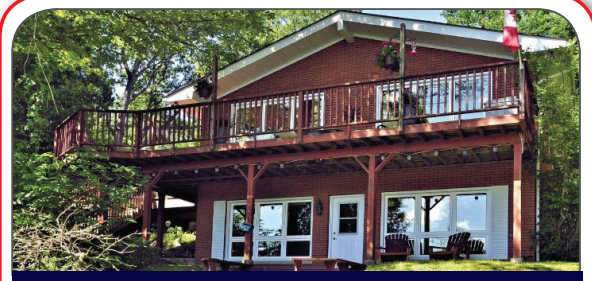


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Trademark

IT SEEMS LIKE something out of *The Beaverton* or *The Onion* or any other number of satirical publications, but it is in fact, real life.

Last week, we learned that a Haliburton County resident had, earlier this year, successfully trademarked the word “Haliburton.”

Yes, you read that correctly. I’m sure Stephen Leacock is rolling over in his grave.

As unlikely as it may sound, a local man has applied for, and been approved for, the trademark to the word “Haliburton.”

Records on the Government of Canada website show that the trademark holder applied for the trademark in October of 2015 and was granted it in February of this year.

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce has confirmed that member business owners have been approached by a man informing them he has the trademark to the word “Haliburton,” and Haliburton County council, understandably, doesn’t seem too pleased about the situation.

It is the opinion of some councillors, as well as MP Jamie Schmale, that the trademark was approved in error.

A look at Canadian trademark regulations makes it seem like that is the case.

“You may not register a word that uses a geographical location known to be the place where goods and services come from,” they read. “Allowing you to use such place names as part of your trademark would mean you are the only one who can use the geographical term, and that would be unfair to others.”

Makes sense.

What’s more, the regulations state that among words that cannot be trademarked are names and surnames.

Not only is Haliburton a place, Haliburton is also a surname. Nineteenth century land baron Thomas Chandler Haliburton is the community’s namesake.

So, there’s that.

Complicating

matters, however, is legislation that reads once a trademark is granted, it cannot be undone.

Trademarks in Canada last for 15 years.

Schmale is requesting that the government review and reverse the approval and county councillors have made it clear that legal action is an option.

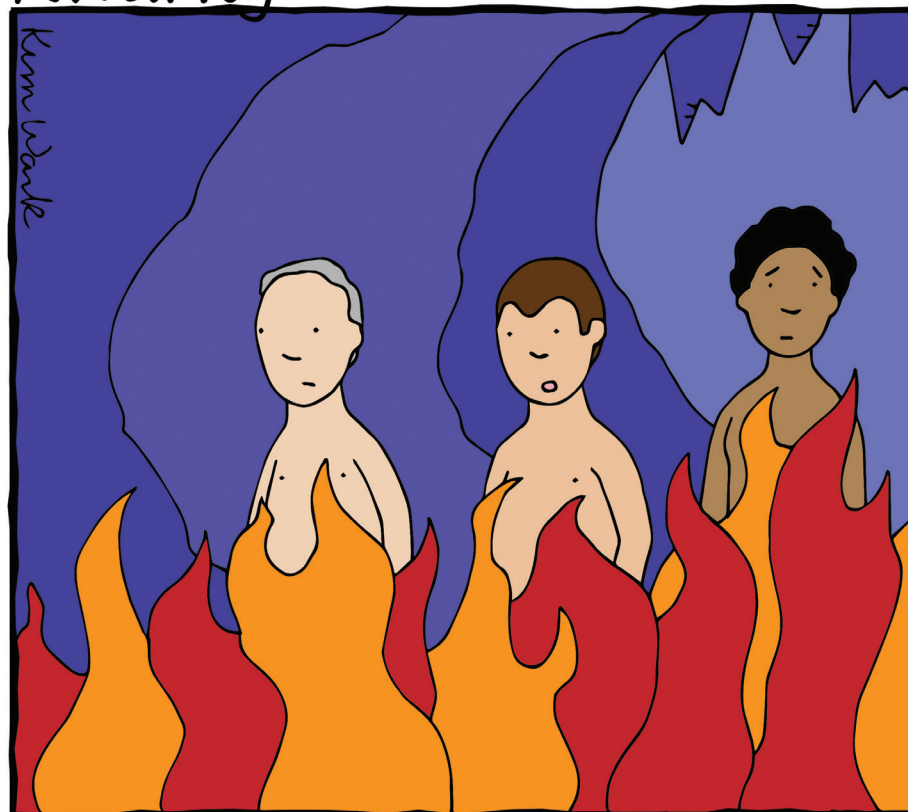
“We will do whatever is required to enforce this,” Haliburton County Warden Brent Devolin told the paper last week.

While it will be unfortunate if public money has to be spent to resolve the matter, it appears that’s where we may be heading.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

Kwarky



“I hit reply all too many times.”

The summer of love

THE OTHER DAY I was shooting my longbow in the woods when it occurred to me that there must not be any mosquitoes in Sherwood Forest. Because, quite frankly, no could possibly muster up the focus to split an arrow 50 yards down range when there is a swarm of hungry mosquitoes looking for a patch of bare skin to dine on.

Around here, we’ve had a bad year for mosquitoes.

Well, I guess that depends on your perspective. If you are the person whose blood flow is being diverted into the mosquitoes, it’s probably been a horrible year. On the other hand, if you are a mosquito, you are probably having the time of your life.

I recently heard one entomologist refer to this spring and summer as being a mosquito’s dream – the summer of love, in fact. He actually said that the wet weather we have is ideal for breeding.

I thought this was great, until I realized he wasn’t suggesting alternatives to fishing.

In fact, I’m guessing this is probably a horrible year for humans in the romance department. After-Bite, Deet and the sudden compulsion to scratch and scream “damn bugs!” are not entirely conducive to seduction – at least in my experience.

All this is to say, this year, when someone says “I’ve got an itch to scratch” he or she probably talking about the one caused by a mosquito bite.

But I digress.

I mostly feel sorry for those learning how to fish.

Imagine, if you will, the instruction new fly casters must be getting this year.

They go out with their mentor for a morning and then realize that – even though it is

not often shown on YouTube – fly casting includes slapping the back of your neck and calf simultaneously while swearing in mid-cast and ducking sharp hooks.

Suddenly, the sport might not seem as gentle as it’s portrayed.

All this is because, in my experience at least, mosquitoes zero in on archers and fly casters most.

That’s because each is focusing on their target and have both hands occupied. If you are a mosquito, that’s about as risk free as it gets.

The solution has always been insect repellent. Unfortunately, you sweat or wash it off when you take the inevitable dunking in the river.

Luckily, I have come up with another original idea.

It occurred to me that mosquitoes do not seem to bother those who are playing tennis – I’ve never once seen anyone at Wimbledon complain.

I suspect the bugs stay away because those athletes with their

rackets appear to be practically waiting in ambush.

It is precisely because of this that I am now considering marketing a line of fly fishing and archery clothing that look a lot like the tennis shorts and T-shirt that I once bought when I thought I might try to take up the sport. If you buy the complete package you’ll get rackets and a net too.

Look, I know you might feel silly setting up a net over your favourite trout stream or archery target but it will all be worth it when you find out the bugs are steering wide.

At least I hope that’s the end result. It’s actually very hard to predict how mosquitoes will react to any tennis-related items this year. There are no guarantees.

As previously noted, for mosquitoes, this just might be the summer of love.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

The summer of patching up

THIS WAS TO be the summer of innovation at the lake.

Long desired transformations would bring the place into the modern age. Wi-Fi cameras to monitor security and to keep an eye tuned for any damage from the latest storm. Electronic peeks from afar to see the depth of snow gathered on the roof.

Wi-Fi thermostats to turn up the heat so the place is cozy on arrival. And Wi-Fi controls to unlock doors for children et al who forget their cottage keys.

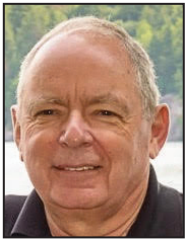
None of that innovation took place. Other things got in the way, like fixing a broken septic pipe, and keeping roof gutters clear and water courses flowing freely in the record rains. And, of course, dealing with downed trees and wave-battered docks.

Instead of a summer of innovating, it was a summer of patching up.

As summer now shifts into autumn, a realization dawns. It is a light-bulb moment being experienced by more and more of North American society: Is modern day innovation overrated? Does it deserve the veneration we pile upon it?

Our society worships innovation and abhors maintenance. We treat innovation as an unquestionably important value like goodness and love.

That despite the fact that a far bigger chunk of our time is spent maintaining and fixing existing things than designing new things. There are studies that show 70 per cent of engineers work on overseeing and maintaining things and not inventing them.



JIM POLING SR.
From Shaman's Rock

Yet our society honours the inventor-innovators far more than fixer-maintainers. We celebrate Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, Jeff Bezos, Michael Dell and other white-collar wizards as heroes. We pay them the really big bucks, dress them in suits and ties and assign them higher social status. We see them as artists who make our lives more efficient.

Meanwhile, the maintainers – the plumbers, electricians, mechanics and janitors – wear workaday clothes, earn less and generally have less social status. They keep our world humming but we consider their efforts run-of-the-mill work.

We have given innovation a venerable place on the altar of change. Seldom do we question hard an innovation's real value – who it benefits, exactly how and at what cost?

For instance, studies have shown that the medical community often overestimates the benefits of disease-screening tests while underestimating their potential harm. It is an example of our tendency to put much hope and faith in innovations while not asking enough tough questions.

The world arms race is another example. Innovations in technology have made possible targeted kills instead of massive invasion or widespread bombing. Thousands of lives are saved through pinpoint strikes. Another result, however, is an ever-increasing arms race in which more countries try to develop or obtain more innovative weapons.

A more down home example comes from the American historian Ruth Schwartz Cowan. She has written that in the past couple hundred years technological change has shifted the burden of domestic labour from adult men and children to mothers and wives.

Washing machines and vacuum cleaners, she writes, “which promised to save labour, literally created more work for mother as cleanliness standards rose, leaving women perpetually unable to keep up.”

Politicians contribute much to sustaining the reverence for innovation. It is much easier to lure voters with the shiny and the new rather than the dull and practical. Announcement of a new bridge sells much better than repairing of an old, rusty one.

Also, one way to hold government budgets in check is to follow the ancient saying: “If it ain't broke, don't fix it.”

Much of North America's infrastructure – roads, dams, bridges – is suffering from lack of preventive maintenance. Too much of the maintenance we see now is simply reactive – fixing something already broken.

There is a growing movement saying that society can be much better served by putting more emphasis on preventive maintenance and giving less adulation to innovation.

Innovations at the lake, meanwhile, remain on hold. Maybe it's better that way. We've gone years without the electronic wizardry and perhaps we are better off without it. Besides, do we really need something else that needs to be maintained?

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Jumping Jacks

ICAN'T QUITE remember when I did my first jumping jack. I do know that it was a very long time ago, and that they don't seem to get any easier.

According to some sources, the jumping jack was invented by General Black Jack Pershing during the First World War. Other sources say it was named after a children's toy that made similar body motions. Regardless, it is an effective exercise.

The primary benefit of doing jumping jacks is that it elevates the heart rate and the result is improved cardiovascular fitness. There are also strengthening benefits because you are using muscles to move your body against gravity. And improved co-ordination and balance can be added to the list of benefits, making the jumping jacks a well-rounded exercise.

Typically a jumping jack is done by starting in a standing position with your legs together and your arms held at the sides of your body. The next step is to bend your knees slightly and jump vertically and then spread your legs and lift your arms over your head before you land on your feet, softly, on the ground. Then jump back to the

starting position to finish one repetition.

The beauty of this exercise is that it can be modified in several ways to make it easier or more difficult. Here are some ideas:

To make it easier, step to the right while lifting your arms, and then step back to the starting position. Repeat with a step to the left.

If raising your arms over your head is a problem due to an injury, lift them as far as you comfortably can.

To challenge your strength, hold a light weight in each hand.

To challenge your coordination raise your hands in front of you use as you jump your legs out to the side.

As with all body weight exercises, Jumping Jacks can be

done almost anywhere. Build them into your day. Doing five to 10 will increase blood flow without working up a sweat. They would be perfect way to break up your day at the office.

Something to think about.

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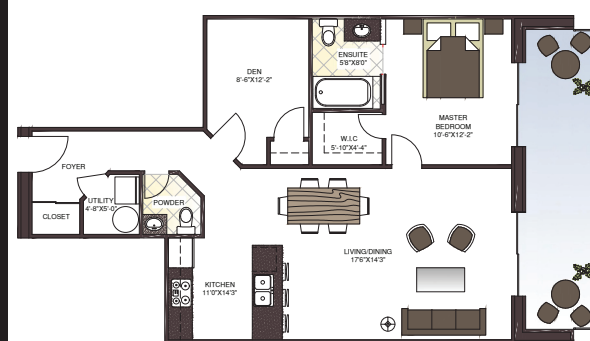


LAURIE SWEIG
Practical Fitness

Road closure for Highland Yard

Due to the running of the Highland Yard on Sunday, Aug. 6, 2017, Traffic will be disrupted on Orde Street, the Orde Street

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No interest from county in pilot program for firefighters

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Haliburton County will pass on a provincial pilot program where firefighters will perform some paramedic duties.

Under the program, firefighters who have done paramedic training would be able to treat patients and release them, on-site.

"One of the serious concerns I think we share, is patients are very complicated," said county chief administrative officer Mike Rutter during a July 26 council meeting. Rutter said there could be underlying factors for symptoms patients may be experiencing, factors that the specially trained firefighters may not be aware of.

From a municipal standpoint, Rutter said the situation involved too much liability.

"Does that leave us open to a lawsuit?" he said. "We are concerned about that."

While the province seems determined to move ahead with the pilot program, "I really don't think there's any evidence to suggest this will work, or save money," Rutter continued, adding there seems to be a shortage of municipalities willing

to volunteer for the pilot.

He said the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has advocated that, instead of creating a duplicate system, the province fund ambulance services appropriately.

Land ambulance costs are funded at 50 per cent by the province, 50 per cent by municipalities.

"It's basically about off-loading," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey. "It's about putting us on the hook, more than the province."

Fearrey noted that while the province pays 50 per cent of ambulance costs, it pays none for firefighting.

Councillors noted that the county's municipalities have volunteer firefighting departments and Fearrey speculated the outcome of the process could mean full-time, professional fire departments for rural communities.

"It will lead to full-time fire departments in rural Ontario, once they get it downloaded," he said.

"It's sort of the thin edge of the wedge you have to worry about, it's union-driven," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt. "I'll be interested to see what comes out of these pilots."

Moffatt added that, "it seems strange that they [the province] are pushing it when they really have no jurisdiction."

Police charge several with impaired driving

On July 22, at approximately 4:50 p.m., members from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police were conducting a Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) program on North Shore Road in Algonquin Highlands.

Officers stopped a motor vehicle being operated by a male driver and it was determined that he had been consuming alcohol.

As a result of the investigation, a 55-year-old man from Algonquin Highlands has been charged with driving with more than 80 mgs of alcohol in his blood and driving while disqualified.

The accused will appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on Sept. 6.

On July 28, shortly after 10 p.m., officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police responded to a single motor vehicle collision on County Road 21 in Minden Hills.

OPP officers attended the area and located a vehicle in the ditch and during their investigation it was determined that the male driver was impaired by alcohol.

A 52-year-old man from Cambridge has been charged with impaired driving offences and failing to surrender his insurance card.

He will appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on Oct. 4.

On July 29, shortly before 8:30 p.m., officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police received a report of a vehicle possibly being driven by an impaired driver.

The vehicle was located and stopped on Highway 35 near Info Centre Road in Minden Hills.

During the course of the investigation it appeared that the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol.

A 52-year-old man from Minden Hills has been charged with impaired driving and refusing to provide a sample.

He will appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on Sept. 6.

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Haliburton County warden term to remain at one year

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The term length for warden of Haliburton County – the head of county council – will remain at one year. Haliburton County council is comprised of eight councillors, who are the Reeves and deputy-Reeves of the county's four lower-tier municipalities.

County councillors had a discussion about the role of warden during a July 26 meeting. Council had previously asked that a staff report be drawn up with options regarding the post, including how the warden is chosen and how long the warden's term lasts.

In Haliburton County, the warden is chosen during county council's yearly inaugural meeting, which takes place in December. Councillors nominate one another from the floor, and a nomination must be seconded in order to stand. There is generally no actual competition on the floor, with a preselected individual voted into the position.

A report from chief administrative officer Mike Rutter detailed how wardens are chosen in other counties in Ontario. Terms in other communities last one or two years. Some counties have campaigning periods and in many, where the election of a warden is required, voting is done by secret ballot. Some have special requirements – that a warden must have been a member of county council within the previous

two terms, for example – and some counties include a position of deputy-warden.

In the past, Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt has suggested that a term longer than one year would be helpful, since many of the regional and provincial projects the warden becomes involved in are multi-year projects.

Minden Hills Reeve and County Warden Brent Devolin, part way through his first year as warden, seemed to agree with that logic.

"I've come to the conclusion that a two-year term, versus a one-year term, is a beneficial thing," Devolin said.

However, it became quickly evident the majority of county councillors prefer the one-year term. "Anybody can make the case to be warden and get the support of council," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, who's served as county warden a dozen times. "We're a small group here, and I think it's fine at one year."

Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts said in her experience at the county council table, it's been an "unsaid, unspoken thing that it [the position of warden] would be rotated through the four municipalities."

In the past, some wardens have served more than one consecutive year and councillors agreed if a current warden wanted to continue for a second year, that person was free to do so, with the support of council. "It could end up being a two-year term," Roberts said. "It should be the best person."

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch and Highlands

East Reeve Dave Burton both said they liked the system how it is. "This is not a hat to try on," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt. "It's becoming a more and more important and busy role." Moffatt, who served as warden in 2013 and again in 2016, said, "it seemed to me that if somebody wanted a second year, nobody would let them have a second year."

Moffatt also said that county council should be determining the work and priorities of the warden and that there should be more frequent reporting by the warden back to county council on activities, such as those through the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus. Algonquin Highlands Deputy-mayor Liz Danielsen agreed.

"I do think we need to talk more about what is going on at the wardens' caucus," Danielsen said. Danielsen said she also thought that individuals should have to serve a full four-year term on county council become they become eligible to be warden. Few councillors seem to agree with that idea, which was shot down by Fearrey.

"What happens if there's eight of us here, and seven of us don't get re-elected?" Fearrey said.

Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge, who said she was also in favour of a one year-term, said the position of deputy-warden would be beneficial to the county. Other councillors agreed the creation of a deputy-warden position could be useful, particularly in representing the county at the many events the warden is expected to attend.

Moffatt, noting that counties have campaign periods also suggested that warden nominees should have to make pitches for themselves, explaining why they'd be best suited for the role. "It's an election," she said. "Just because there aren't 15,000 people voting in it, doesn't mean we can't hold ourselves to a bit of a higher standard."

Rutter will draft an updated procedural bylaw, which will include suggestions from the discussion. That draft will come back to the council table.

Garbutt not impressed with tipping fee changes

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Jim Garbutt, owner of J. Garbutt Enterprises waste disposal company, is not happy about the new tipping fees for compactor trucks at the Scotch Line landfill in Minden Hills.

In April, council approved a new tipping fee structure for compacted loads at the site. While the fee had previously been \$25 per cubic yard or \$50 per cubic yard for loads deemed contaminated – containing too much recyclable material – the new structure instituted a flat fee of \$35 per cubic yard for loads coming from compactor trucks. The flat fee was suggested by staff as a compromise and means of mitigating disagreements between landfill attendants and compaction truck drivers.

The \$50 per cubic yard charge can still apply if landfill attendants deem that a load is contaminated. For construction waste, fees are \$40 per cubic yard for sorted waste and \$80 per cubic yard for unsorted.

During their July 26 meeting, Garbutt told councillors the tipping fee increases are putting an unjustified financial pinch on his business. "I'm just curious as to where this idea came from, and why it's only for compactor trucks," Garbutt said.

Garbutt's company is the only local company to operate compactor trucks and he said when he got his first compactor truck back in 1988, it was a welcome sight to local municipalities, helping to save space in local landfills.

"And now, we seem to be being penalized, because we invested in those trucks," Garbutt said.

He said his company can't afford the tipping fee increases, nor can his commercial customers, whom he is reluctant to pass the cost increase along to. Because there are no scales at the Scotch Line landfill, Garbutt said employees must estimate the size of loads, something that can cause disagreements.

"If there was scales, there'd be no question," he said.

What's more, Garbutt said he also gets charged for bringing waste that has been mixed in with recycling at local transfer stations, back to the landfill. "We're actually being charged for bringing the township's garbage back," he said, adding that one particularly bad recycling load contains at least six yards of garbage. "Somebody's going to have to start paying for that nonsense." Reeve Brent Devolin told Garbutt his comments would be taken into consideration and that a staff report will come back to the council table.

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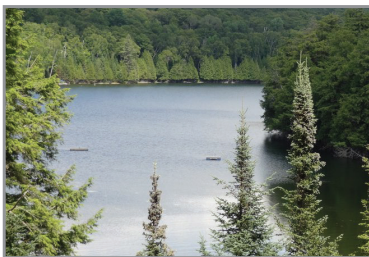
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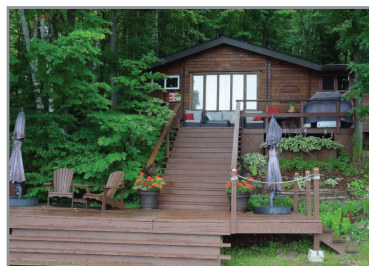
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Company co-owner responds to quarry concerns

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and Otter Lakes via word of mouth and social media, and a website created to oppose the quarry, called the situation a “David and Goliath” battle.

“For me, I completely understand why the residents of Harvey Lake may be concerned about this,” said Doetsch at the meeting. “I too would be concerned if I received such a letter. I’m told it’s part of the process. I wouldn’t want blasting, crushing, 24-7, 10 trucks an hour, in proximity to my property. But that’s not what we’re proposing at all. [We’ve] heard your concerns, we understand them, and we want to address them as a community, with dialogue.”

Residents remarked on the fairness of the application process, which is government-regulated, noting that it wasn’t “citizen-friendly” and they can’t afford independent consultants for further studies. Many voiced skepticism of the potential bias from consultants doing environmental and noise analysis studies and MNRF’s concern for the area. Numerous times, however, residents thanked Doetsch for his willingness to understand and mitigate concerns about the future use of the pit.

“Nobody is calling anybody’s character into question,” stressed one resident. “We totally trust you in terms of the integrity of the business and your history. That is not in question by this community. What is in question are the probabilities and the maybes and the possibilities, that maybe you as a steward would do certain things, but there is no guarantee for this community [should management change hands].”

During a question and answer period,

people in attendance discussed concerns and pushed for answers on issues including groundwater impact, increased truck traffic, opportunity for nearby Indigenous Peoples to respond to the proposal and the impact of habitat fragmentation in efforts to protect endangered Blanding’s turtles. Confusion surrounding clarified proposal information that had changed since the original notice was distributed including hours of operation from being 24/7 to 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and tonnage allowance from 285,000 tonnes per year to 75,000 tonnes per year, was clarified by Doetsch, who said those details were suggested by consultants and didn’t reflect his planned operations. He noted consultants had told him the application process to expand the pit would be expensive and that he should include a proposed quarry to ensure he wouldn’t have to go through the application process again. He decreased that number to reflect the 10,000 tonnes he was planning to extract, while keeping the number high enough to ensure he wouldn’t miss out on potentially larger proposals. Currently, about 6,000 to 8,000 tonnes of material is extracted from the sand pit annually.

“[285,000 tonnes per year] is not my intention,” he said. “That’s what the quarry is capable of, but that’s absolutely not my intentions. And that’s why we decreased it right away without question.”

“Then why not 50,000 if that’s the case?” asked a Harvey Lake resident. “The question is, why stop at 75,000, why not push it even further? I think it’s our job here to push you on that, to see if you would drop that number down.”

“You’re absolutely right, and I will think about it,” responded Doetsch. “This is all

coming together so quick. I dropped it right away to 75,000 because I noticed that and I was shocked myself.”

Consultants on the project were not able to attend, which annoyed some of the residents at the meeting who said they had made the time on the weekend to be available and wanted detailed questions answered.

“The biggest challenge with this project is that the information varies day to day,” said one resident who stepped up to the microphone to ask questions. “I’m so disappointed that the consultants who do have the information and the technical know-how that could ease our fears – that’s what it is, our fears – aren’t here today. For all of us, we made the time.”

Doetsch responded to worries about uncontrolled fly rock – potentially hazardous fragments of rock thrown into the air during blasting – by citing his 30-plus-year safety record even despite blasting “in the centre of communities.”

“I don’t know why you think I would want to risk my livelihood, everything I’ve worked toward my entire life, to damage or hurt or kill somebody,” he said. “We have worked responsibly in this community for over 30 years. Our aim is to be responsible in everything we do, and that includes hiring people out to work for us. If I were to kill or hurt somebody, my career would be over. It is in my absolute best interest to make sure safety is priority one.”

But despite the concerns of residents who felt there would be negative impacts on the land as a direct result of the project, the July 29 meeting, save for a few heated moments, remained relatively calm and congenial. Residents and Doetsch tried to work out is-

sues, find answers to questions related to details of the proposal and make concessions in the proposal to alleviate some concerns. The meeting was scheduled for two hours, but audience members helped Doetsch stack chairs after time ran out, so he could meet with them to further answer questions.

Councillors Brian Lynch and Marlene Kyle were in attendance at the public meeting. During a July 20 council meeting the previous week, Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt stressed the township has no control over the application.

“We don’t have the opportunity to vote yea or nay on it,” she said. “It’s provincial jurisdiction.”

The township was planning to request that a pavement durability review be conducted for the township-owned road in the area, and that any necessary upgrading be performed, as well as load restrictions be put in place. Should the application be approved by the province, the township will also request that a noise study, blasting impact analysis and other documentation be incorporated into the certificate of approval.

Bacher Construction has been in operation since 1976. It employs approximately 25 people, and services areas throughout Muskoka and Haliburton County.

A website created by concerned citizens can be found at www.nomclintockquarry.ca. For more information on the project or to submit comments, contact Jeff Schosser, MNRF aggregate inspector, at 705-646-5526 or jeff.schosser@ontario.ca or David Villard at pebblebeachaggregate@sympatico.ca or via phone at 705-840-0733.

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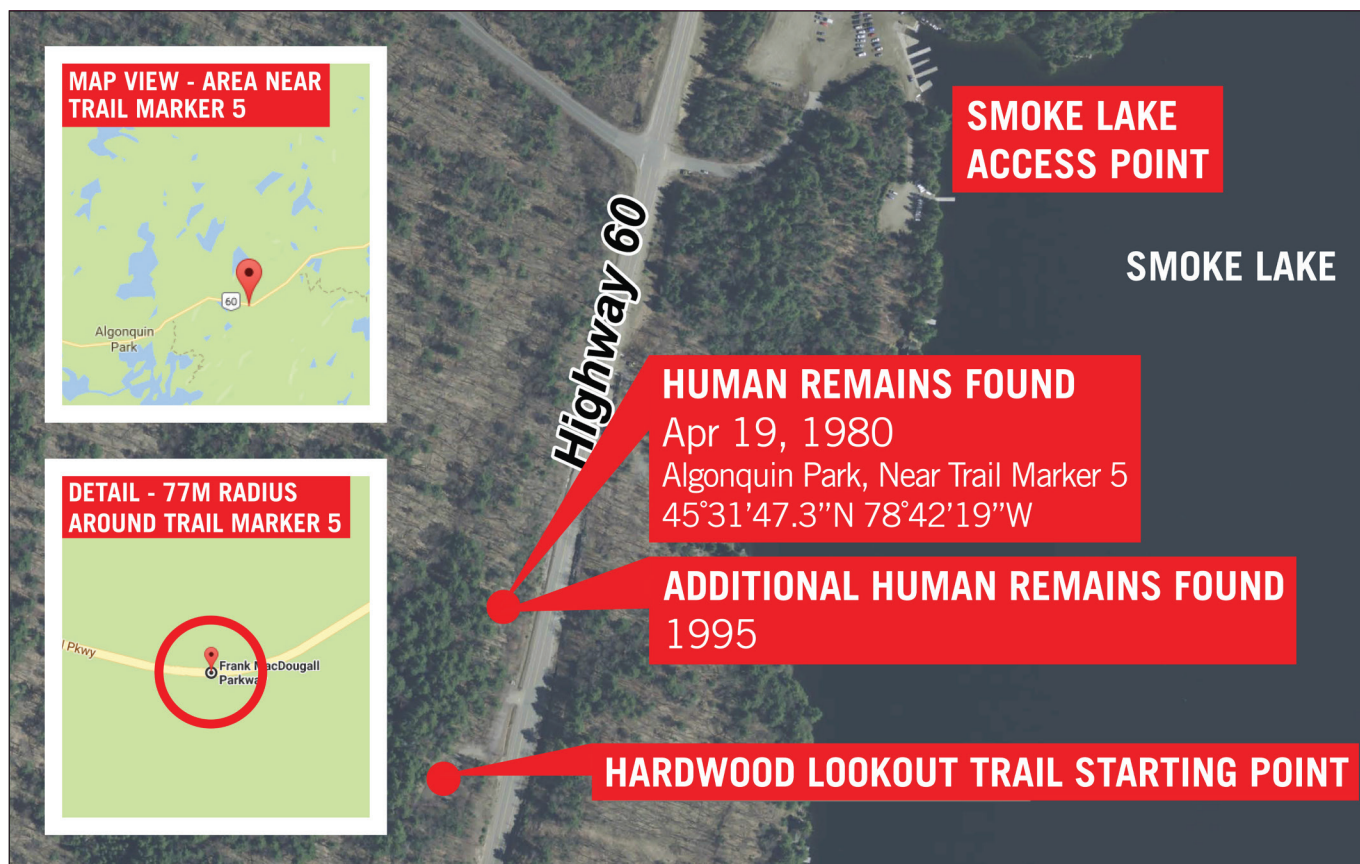
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Above, a 3D clay facial reconstruction of a young man whose remains were found in Algonquin Park in 1980 has been released by police in the hopes of solving a nearly 40-year-old cold case. /OPP file

Left, a map showing where remains were found in Algonquin Park in 1980 and again in 1995. Police have released approximations of what the man, between the age of 18 and 29, might have looked like.

Police seek public's help in identifying remains

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

A reconstructed image of a young man whose remains were found in Algonquin Park in 1980 has been released by police in the hopes of solving a nearly 40-year-old cold case.

The 3D clay facial reconstruction, unveiled in a news conference held in Orillia on July 26, is intended to prompt the public, friends or co-workers from that time to help identify the individual.

The remains of what is believed to be a Caucasian man aged 18 to 29 were found by a hiker approximately 77 metres from trail marker No. 5 on the Hardwood Lookout Trail in Algonquin Park near Whitney on April 19, 1980. Nearby in the area, a search uncovered a size 11, Greb brand boot, a wallet containing no identification, clothing, a black sleeping bag, a camp stove and an aluminum cooking pot. In 1995, another search uncovered more remains.

Forensic anthropological analysis suggests the man had long blond hair, which might have been worn in a ponytail, and that his waist was 32 inches, based on marks on his belt.

A stamp found in his wallet alongside other information at the scene led investigators to believe his death might have occurred between July 1, 1971 and spring 1978. The cause of his death is unknown.

"Through innovation, technology and the expert work of the OPP Forensic Artist and our partnership with the Office of the Chief Coroner and the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service, we are hopeful we can identify this person and bring resolution to his loved ones," said Vince Hawkes, Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner, in a press release. "They deserve to know what happened to him."

Anyone with information regarding the case should call the dedicated missing persons hotline toll-free at 1-877-934-6363 (1-877-9-FINDME) or 1-705-330-4144 from outside Canada or email tips to opp.isb.resolve@opp.ca.



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DARREN LUM Staff

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by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

Maternity leave has been a catalyst for creativity for Cheryl Smith.

It was while on mat leave with her second child a few years ago that she encountered lifecasting in the forms of newborn hands and feet while visiting family. The process of creating a mould to have a 3D replica of “every adorable line, wrinkle and fold,” of hands, feet, pregnant bellies and even pet paws was intriguing to Smith, who wanted to have it done.

“There was nobody locally who did them, so I went to Toronto and got trained,” she said.

Fifteen months later, on maternity leave with her third child, Smith pursued formal training in photography, which had previously been a hobby.

“I’ve always been interested in photography, I was always taking my camera everywhere I went,” she said.

Largely self-taught, though the courses at Sir Sanford Fleming College and through Henry’s camera store helped her pick up tips and tricks to add to her portfolio, Smith now specializes in newborn and family photography, offering headshots, event photography, sports photography and a limited number of weddings annually.

“You can’t just sit at home,” said Smith. “I’m not one who can just sit at home.”

The Minden resident is admittedly quite busy, with a full-time job as an early interventionist, three active kids and an upcoming wedding in the works. But instead of having down time during her Fridays off, she said she took the opportunity to use the right side of her brain and help nurture her creativity.

“That’s my outlet, that’s what I need in my life,” said

Smith. “Even though it’s work, it’s another job, it’s my passion. I like my [full-time] job so much that [photography] isn’t something I can switch over to completely, so it’s nice to have that balance.”

Part of finding that balance led Smith to recently open a downtown studio on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden, helping set her apart from many area photographers, but also giving her the time and space to set up sessions without having to, as she said, “rip my living room apart.” She now schedules appointments in the studio for custom 3D lifecasting and photography.

“It’s so nice to have everything in one space,” she said.

The studio works well for the crafty themed mini sessions that Smith has become well-known for – for the past five years, families and kids have flocked to her to be part of Easter sessions set amongst bunnies and pastel-coloured Easter eggs, Christmas sessions in front of rustic country-style sets and graduation pics for everyone from kindergarten students to high school grads. She’s photographed hockey teams, figure skating groups, T-ball and soccer leagues, and also corporate teams and couple engagements. Adorable photos are always produced from a full session for babies becoming toddlers that starts with a cake smash, when a cake is sat in front of a tot to have free reign over, followed by a “tubby time” session for necessary clean-up.

“Parents love those sessions, and the kids...some love it, some hate it,” laughed Smith.

The studio also offers the imaginative photographer a space for the props she has diligently collected over the years, an inventory that needs to be changed over often to be unique for families returning year after year for portraits.

Despite the new studio, Smith said she wouldn’t hesitate to meet with a family outside, given the beautiful surroundings of cottage country – many of her group shots show families



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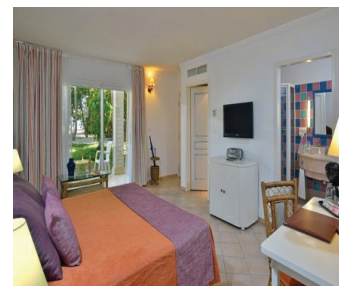
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TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS
FILE NO. PLZBA2017024

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed **By-Law No. 17-68** on the **27th day of July, 2017**, under the provisions of Section 34 of the *Planning Act*, RSO 1990, as amended. Prior to making their decision, the Township hosted three Open Houses and three Public Meetings. In making their decision Council considered all written and oral submissions received regarding this application. As a result of the comments received, the minimum lot size for a hunt camp was reduced to 20.25 ha. (~50 ac.); clarified language to ensure that the maintenance or reconstruction of any legal non-complying building or structure is permitted; and a third Open House and Public Meeting were scheduled, and advertised more broadly, to allow for a greater opportunity for the public to participate and comment. In making their decision, it was the opinion of Council that the amendments were consistent with Provincial Policy Statements, the County and Township Official Plans, and represented good planning.

A key map is not provided with this notice as the proposed amendment applies to all lands within the limits of the Township of Minden Hills.

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT of the amendment is to amend the Zoning By-law to make broad changes to various definitions in order to ensure consistent language throughout the text; new Minimum Distance Separation Requirements (MDS) to be consistent with Provincial Policy; new and revised regulations providing standards and requirements for parking, including accessible parking, and loading spaces; revised sections on non-complying buildings and structures, and shoreline structures; new regulations governing hunt camps; establishing minimum setback distances from private roads; and allowing for two (2) storey accessory structures in certain situations.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the By-law by filing with the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills, no later than **4:30 p.m. the 23rd day of August, 2017**, a notice of appeal setting out the reasons for the appeal and accompanied by the prescribed fee of \$300.00 payable to the Minister of Finance by certified cheque or money order. The appeal must also be accompanied by the completed OMB appeal form available from the OMB website at www.elto.gov.on.ca or by contacting the Township Office.

A COPY of the amendment and additional information relating to the Zoning By-law Amendment is available for inspection during office hours at the Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street. Any questions related to the By-law should be directed to Ian Clendening, Township Planner.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Dated this 3rd day of August, 2017
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Township of Minden Hills



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After 23 years, Melissa Alfano has retired from the Dorset Recreation Centre! Drop-in to the Rec Centre on Tuesday Aug. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. to celebrate Melissa's retirement and to wish her well in her future endeavours. Everyone is invited and there will be refreshments.

This Saturday, Aug. 5 is the annual Kawagama Lake Fireworks Night. Sit out in Marina Bay and enjoy the show, starting at dusk. If you would like to donate to the show, head on over to klca.org and click on Donate to KLCA Fireworks. You don't need to be a resident of

Kawagama Lake to watch the show.

With the long weekend approaching, it's a good idea to brush up on boating safety. Just because you're not moving very fast doesn't mean you're not creating waves. When boating through the Dorset channel make sure you've slowed down well before approaching the highway bridge, especially when people are trying to launch their boat or take it out of the water. The waves you create can make it difficult to get boats on trailers and can even cause physical harm to the person trying to put it on, as the boat can smash up against the front of the trailer and crush fingers and hands. You should always be mindful when you see someone trying to take their boat out of the water, regardless of where you are.

The Algonquin Highlands Trails Office is very pleased to announce it is now a Tackleshare loaner site and will be offering fishing gear to new and young anglers for free! Together with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters as well as Ontario Power Generation, we at the HHWT support introducing youth to the sport of fishing. Simply sign out the gear at no cost, fish, return gear and repeat!

Call them or stop in for more info or visit www.algonquinhighlands.ca or www.tackleshare.com

Happy birthday to Elissa Boughen, Gord Wright and Erin Burgess. For birthdays and submissions contact burgesslt@me.com.

Notice

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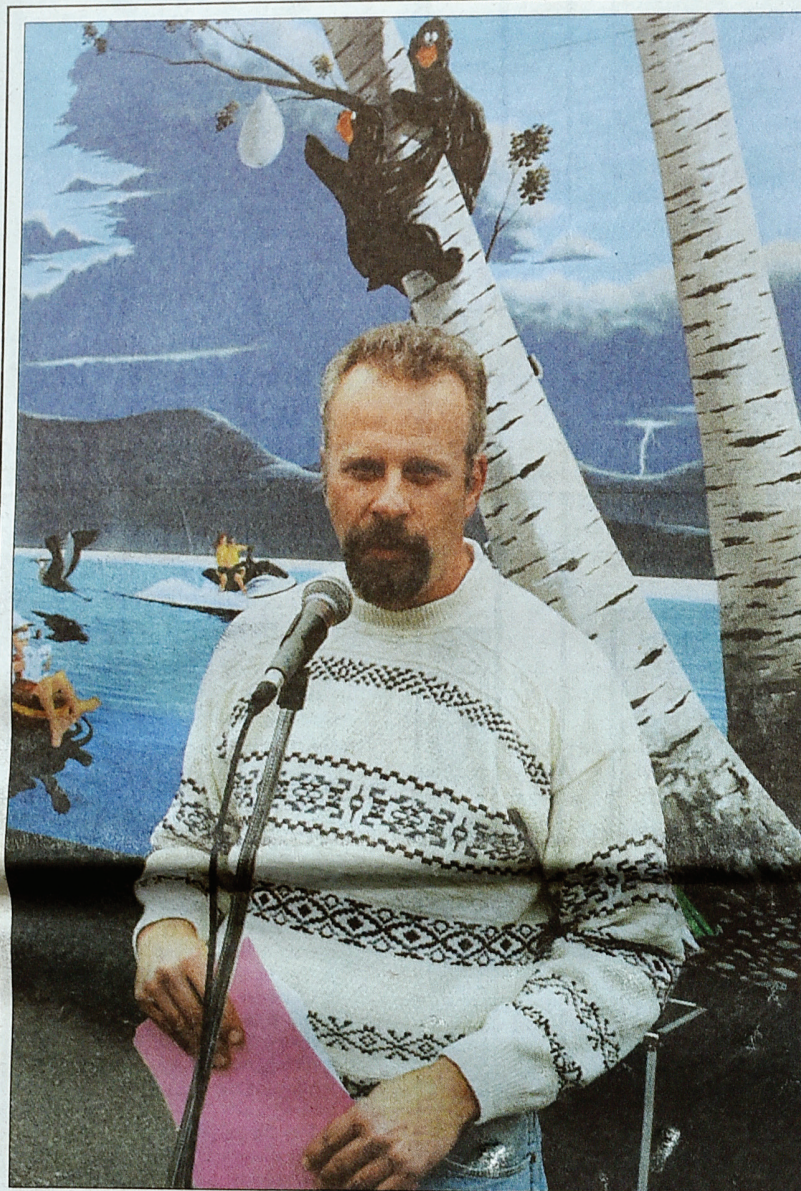
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With a portion of the artwork seen over his shoulder, artist Robert VanNood addresses the audience gathered for the official unveiling of Minden's newest mural. The work stretches along two walls of the Minden Beer Store and depicts in the joys of recreational activity in the Highlands through the four seasons. "Robert's subjects depict his passion for the great out of doors, sports and leisure," Master of ceremonies Ross Rigney said. "His unique ability to weave cartooning and fine art sensibility together into a seamless whole has made him a much sought after artist." MPP Chris Hodgson praised the work as well, saying the community was proud to have such a talented artist in its midst. The mural is the fifth installation in the Minden area. "This work was over a year and a half in the making," mural chairman Larry Hodgson told the group. "Thank you for hanging in there Robert." The artist thanked the committee for the opportunity to be a part of the mural program, the sponsors who backed the project, his assistants and the Beer Store for providing the space.

New slogan, logo get nod

by Jerry Grozelle

Haliburton County council was asked to endorse the new county image branding design and logo at the August council meeting. Ken Caplan, the design consultant who developed several concept designs, showed the final draft of the logo to council members and explained the evolution of the process that led to the selection of the logo. He presented several design proposals, from which the final selection had been made.

"It was a three-month process," he said. "Residents had opportunity for input. We looked at dozens of design possibilities."

The process culminated with a meeting at the Stanhope Fire Fighters' Hall earlier in August. A few changes were made and the final product was produced.

"It's an exciting motif with a strong, distinctive name style," he said.

He noted that there was strong support for the inclusion of "Highlands" in the name, since it better represents the entire county.

The slogan "Haliburton Highlands... A Natural Work of Art" was chosen from about 80 possible slogans. It was submitted by Snowdon Township resident Wendy Ladurantaye.

Explaining her choice for a slogan, Ladurantaye is quoted as saying, "The public meeting that was held earlier this summer at PineStone Resort, provided an opportunity for the community to consider what we truly value in our county now, as well as the directions in the future. In the past, I have attended meetings with many different purposes, but what is important to residents, seasonal residents and visi-

(more on page 4)

Strange lights seen over Gull Lake

by Matthew Sittler

A seasonal Lutterworth resident remains perplexed about what he swears he witnessed late last Thursday night just after 11 p.m.

John Whiteman of Oshawa, was enjoying a soak in his hot tub at the family cottage just off of Deep Bay Road when something in the dark night sky caught his attention. "The news had just come on and I was sitting in my hot tub when I first saw it," said the cottager. "The thing was huge. There were about fifty red lights and it had three larger blue-white lights on it." Whiteman said what he saw was neither plane nor conventional aircraft of any sort, but could

offer no concrete explanation for the sighting either.

"Those lights were so bright - when they shone, you could see their reflection in the water." Whiteman watched as a completely silent, round unidentified flying object passed slowly over the tree tops of Sugar Island. "This thing looked like a bright red globe and was nothing like I'd ever seen before," he stated adamantly.

After the sighting, Whiteman went down to his dock and watched the night sky for half an hour with his camcorder hoping to catch a further glimpse of the object. Estimated by the witness to have been moving between 25-35 mph, Whiteman said the object was the diameter of a large Ferris Wheel. The red

orb of brilliant light moved at a completely steady pace just above tree level before making a smooth turn, heading off towards Highway 35 north into Minden before fading from view.

The sighting has stirred local memories dating back some thirty years to when Minden was a hotbed of UFO sightings. This paper's archive contains a file an inch thick with reports dating from that period.

"To me, this was something completely unbelievable," said Whiteman. When John was ten or twelve, he had a previous UFO sighting in Bowmanville along with four of his friends. "Six or seven flying globes came together forming one object which flew

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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Road, P.O. Box 427, Minden, K0M 2K0 on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Janet's Life at 1:00 pm. Interment at Gelert Cemetery. Reception to follow at the Lochlin Community Centre.


Memorial Donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association or to the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family.



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HALIBURTON Community FUNERAL HOME



Garnet Brown
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Highland Wood Nursing Home in Haliburton on Thursday morning, July 27, 2017 in his 87th year with his family by his side. Beloved husband of Monica Brown (Laford) for over 65 years. Loving father of Lawrence and Lynda (Tony Trozzo). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Patrick (Tracy), Jennifer (Aaron), Keith, Alexandra and David and by his great grandchildren Madeline, Tyler, Brett, Ava, Samantha and Isabella. Garnet was a Flight Engineer in the RCAF and was with the Ontario Provincial Police for over twenty years. He was an avid outdoorsman, travelled extensively and most of all he enjoyed the company of his family and friends.

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A Private Graveside Service will take place at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto at a later date. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Point In Time - Food For Kids would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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Legion offers lots to do in Minden



Legion br. 636

It has been a while since we have appeared, so I thought I should go over our day to day events. Hours of operation: Monday to Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Events (Summer)

Monday - 10 a.m. - Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers, meet every second week. Lunch 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Rotary meeting and dinner 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday Lunch - noon to 2 p.m. - liver lovers special plus regular menu. 1 p.m. bid euchre. Tall Boy special \$4. Second Tuesday of the month seniors' potluck.

Wednesday lunch - noon to 2 p.m. Our famous meat draw 12 p.m. Butcher quality meat for \$1 per ticket, good for all four draws. 5 p.m. Slender Seekers.

Thursday lunch - noon to 2 p.m. The first two weeks of the month we host seniors' groups for lunch. Thursday night darts at 7 p.m. Euchre at 7 p.m.

Friday lunch noon to 2 p.m., dinner 5 to

7 p.m., fish and wings with chips or onion rings. Bereavement luncheon meeting every two weeks. The last Friday of the month, Hyland Crest residents are served fish and chips for lunch. Friday night darts 7 p.m. Karaoke every second week at 7:30 p.m. It has been said, we have the best wings and fish in town.

Saturday - noon to 2 p.m. barbecue lunch, 2 p.m. meat draw

Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Sports Sunday featuring Blue Jays and NASCAR racing.

We have Big Bucks Euchre the first Sunday of the month, holiday weekends, the second Sunday. Lunch is included and the prizes are substantial.

From Monday to Thursday, we feature at least one special per day at \$8. Take out orders are welcome.

Our new executive is in place, and is busy continuing to operate our branch with only two paid employees. They both have the best interests of our branch in mind, but it is our volunteers who keep this branch going. We are always looking for new volunteers, such as servers, kitchen help for clean-up and prep work. We have an excellent program for high school students looking for their 40 hours of community service needed for a diploma. It is fun, and we encourage students to participate.

So far, we have provided at least five students an opportunity to achieve this.

On Aug. 5, we are having our annual Junk in the Trunk sale at 9 a.m. There are still a few spots left. Call Jenn at the branch.

For any further information, please call 705-286-4541.

Everyone is welcome at all of our events! Please look us up on Facebook at Minden Legion Branch 636.



This hand-hooked rug was presented to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636, Minden, by the Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers. This piece of art will be raffled in August. It will be on display at the branch. The Legion members thank all the members of the guild for this donation. From left, Judy Flieger, Joanne McKinnon and Bonnie Ehmann holding up the hand-hooked rug.

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- 2+2 bedroom home, tastefully decorated
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Portage Lake \$105,000

- Natural level lot with several building sites
- 210 Ft frontage, with Easy access
- 10 minutes to Haliburton Village


Brandon Nimigon
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Koshlong Lake \$599,900

- 3 bdrm cottage, 2 bdrm Bunkie
- 180 ft frontage on 1.67 acres
- 4 season with spectacular views


Karen Nimigon**
457-2128 x 29

Drag River \$169,000

- 1 Room Cabin in the Woods, off grid getaway
- Gorgeous water views, patio & fire pit
- Insulated, running water & solar electricity


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Halls Lake \$499,900

- Acreage & privacy on Halls Lake!
- 4 season home or cottage on 5.9 acres


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Wilberforce Home \$169,900

- Renovated 2 bedroom home
- Beautiful kitchen with island
- Walking distance to all amenities


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Sharon Lake \$220,000

- Affordable tranquil waterfront retreat
- 3 bdms, built in 1991, completely turnkey
- Available now for summer enjoyment!


Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 28

Country Home \$379,000

- Large home on private 2.26 acre county lot
- 3 bedrooms, 4 baths, large rec room
- Attached double car garage on yr. round rd.


Elizabeth Thompson*
457-2128 x 52

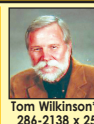
Miskwabi Lake \$749,000

- Impressive 4-Season Waterfront Cottage
- Spectacular lake views on private 1 acre lot
- Screened porch; garage w loft; large decks/dock


Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 32

Minden Home \$499,000

- Brick Bungalow, 3 Bedrooms/3 Baths
- Full finished Walk-Out Basement, 12 Acres
- Granny Flat, Triple Att'd Garage


Tom Wilkinson**
286-2138 x 25

Lake Kashagawigamog \$750,000

- 3 bedroom waterfront home
- Close to Haliburton Village
- Great privacy on 5 lake chain


Andrea Wilson**
457-2128 x 25

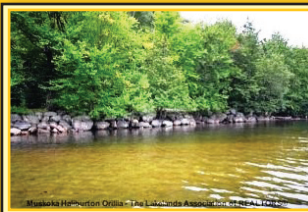
Boyne Lake Lot \$195,000

- 10+ Acres, 320 Ft of Frontage
- Easy Access, expansive views
- 10 Minutes from Haliburton


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Drew Bishop**
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Haliburton Lake Lot \$149,000

- Level at shore, Gradual entry
- Elevated building site w/ lake view
- Year-round access, Well treed, Private


Dagmar Boeffcher**
457-5968

Kushog Lake Access

- This building lot is steps to the boat launch
- Great swimming at this quiet launch
- Lot accessed by two year round roads


Janice Brookes*
457-2128 x 22

105 Acres/Viceroy \$524,900

- Full-Walkout Basement with amazing views!
- Man's dream 30x40 Workshop, oversized garage!
- Quality construction with SW exposure! Must see!


Kim Butt*
286-2138 x31

Burnt River \$499,000

- Private County Home close to Haliburton Village
- 74 Acres & over 1,700 ft of river frontage
- 2,000 Sq. Ft. with 3 bedrooms a& 3 baths


Gloria Carnochan*
754-1932

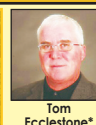
Excellent Building Acreage \$79,900

- 4.98 ac, 526 ft fr on Hwy 188, NW Exposure
- Beautifully Treed, Driveway Off Road, School Bus
- 15 mins to Haliburton, 20 to Minden


Mark Dennys*
457-0473

South Exp, Drag Lk \$349,900

- 195 Ft. Waterfront, 3.49 Acres
- 720 Sq Ft, 2 Bdm, Private
- Big Lake Views, As Is


Tom Ecclestone*
286-2138 x 26

Gull Lake Cottage \$499,000

- Step off the deck to the sand beach
- 3 bedrooms, great access, you'll love it
- Call listing sales rep for details.


Lindsay Elder**
457-5878

Brady Lake Lot \$159,000

- Direct Waterfront, driveway in, trailer on site
- Waterfront cleared with dock and swing rope
- Newer trailer with large deck on property


Lee Gauthier**
489-9968

Beech Lake \$329,000

- 3 bdrm/3pce bathroom insulated cottage
- Mostly flat with gentle slope to sandy shoreline


Scott Harrison*
286-2138 x 28

Renovated in Ramara \$229,000

- 3 bdrm across from Sylvan Glen Beach
- Nicely updated w/ sun room & large deck
- Waterfront without the cost!


Andrew Hodgson**
286-2138 x 29

Gooderham Lake \$569,000

- Renovated 4 season ctg/home, 3 bdms & 2 baths
- High-end open concept kitchen, dining & living room
- Beautiful level lot with a spectacular sand beach!



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